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ZIONISM RESOLUTION DOMINATE STORTING'S ANNUAL
FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE

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(BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) SUMMARY.SOVIET REFUSAL TO GRANT
VISA TO NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER ANDRE SAKHAROV
BECAME THE CENTRAL FOCUS OF STORTING'S ANNUAL FOREIGN
POLICY DEBATE NOV 17 AND DREW ADMISSION FROM FOREIGN MINISTER
FRYDENLUND THAT HE HAD CALLED IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR ON
ISSUE BUT TO NO AVAIL. UNGA ZIONISM RESOLUTION'S
HARMFUL EFFECTS ON UN, ANGOLA AND HUMAN RIGHTS
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DREW BROAD AND HEATED DISCUSSION, AND INTRODUCED SOME

SOBERING CONSIDERATIONS TO WHAT HAS OFTEN BEEN A
HIGHLY IDEALISTIC DEBATE. TO EXTENT THAT MAIN ELEMENTS
OF NORWAY'S FOREIGN POLICY--SUPPORT FOR UN, NATO,
WESTERN COOPERATION AND DETENTE--WERE DISCUSSED
THEY GENERALLY DREW BROAD STORTING BACKING. END
SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL LAST WEEK TO GRANT
VISA TO ANDRE SAKHAROV TO COME TO OSLO NEXT MONTH
TO ACCEPT NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARDED BY STORTING PEACE
PRIZE COMMITTEE DREW A UNANIMOUS OUTBURST OF PROTEST
FROM THE STORTING AND DOMINATED THE ANNUAL FOREIGN
POLICY DEBATE. LED BY CONSERVATIVE SPOKESMEN
AND NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN, MRS. AASE LIONAES,
WHO CALLED THE REJECTION " A FLAGRANT
VIOLATION" OF THE HELSINKI ACCORD, REPRESENTATIVES OF
ALL PARTIES CHASTIZED THE SOVIET UNION FOR DENYING
SAKHAROV THE RIGHT TO COME TO OSLO.

2. PRESSED HARD EARLY IN THE DEBATE BY CONSERVATIVE
LEADERS FOR USING A DOUBLE STANDARD BETWEEN WESTERN
AND EASTERN COUNTRIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, FRYDENLUND
INFORMED STORTING THAT HE HAD CALLED IN SOVIET
AMBASSADOR KIRITSJENKO IN OSLO ON MATTER
ON NOVEMBER 12. HE SAID IN TV INTERVIEW LATER THAT
SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD CHARACTERIZED NORWEGIAN DEMARCHE
AS AN INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
STORTING DEBATE ON ISSUE WAS FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY
FACT THAT STORTING'S FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO
SOVIETS.

3. ALL STORTING PARTIES, INCLUDING LEFTISH SOCIALIST
(SC), JOINED IN CONDEMNING UN ZIONISM RESOLUTION AND
IN DECRYING DAMAGE IT HAS DONE TO UN. FRYDENLUND
CALLED RESOLUTION A SETBACK WHICH WOULD HARM WORLD
ORGANIZATION AND ITS FUTURE ACTIVITIES. RESOLUTION,
HE SAID, WOULD IMPAIR COOPERATION IN UN, ENCOURAGE
NATIONS TO SEEK TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OUTSIDE WORLD
FORUM, AND HAMPER NORWAY'S ABILITY TO ASSIST IN UN'S
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DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM, PARTICULARLY BY PREVENTING
NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN DECADE'S SPECIAL FUND.
DEBATE SHOWED NO WISH TO CHANGE NORWAY'S BASIC
RELATIONSHIP TO UN. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL CONSERVATIVES
MADE UNUSUAL SUGGESTIONS HERE THAT NORWAY MIGHT OF-
FICIALLY EXPRESS ITS CONCERN ABOUT TREND UN IS TAKING
AND CUTBACK IN SUPPORT TO ORGANIZATION IN SOME AREAS.
FRYDENLUND REJECTED THESE SUGGESTIONS AND SAID HE THOUGHT

NORWAY HAD NO BETTER ALTERNATIVE NOW THAN TO WORK WITHIN UN TO FIGHT OFF SUCH RESOLUTIONS, AND HE INDICATED GOVERNMENT WOULD BE EVALUATING WAYS NORWAY SHOULD PROCEED IN UN IN LIGHT OF THESE PROBLEMS. HE POINTED OUT TOO THAT BECAUSE UNIVERSALITY WAS AT STAKE, NORWAY HAD BEEN FORCED RELUCTANTLY TO VOTE FOR FIRST TIME AGAINST THE GENERAL UN APARTHEID RESOLUTION.

4. DEBATE ALSO TOUCHED ON ANGOLA, WHERE CONSERVATIVES CONDEMNED CUBAN AND SOVIET INTERVENTION AND SV CALLED FOR SUPPORT TO MPLA. MAJORITY SUPPORTED GOVERNMENT'S POSITION TO CONCLUDE AID TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS UPON ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE WHILE AWAITING FOR POLITICAL PICUTRE IN ANGOLA TO CARIFY BEFORE DECIDING UPON DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION.

5. TO DEMAND BY ANTI-NATO SV SPOKESMAN FINN GISTAVSEN THAT GOVERNMENT SUPPORT ICELANDIC FISHERIES LIMITS EXTENSION IN WAKE OF BREAKDOWN OF UK-ICELANDIC TALKS, FRYDENLUND SAID BREAK-UP OF DISCUSSIONS WAS REGRETABLE AND NORWAY WAS WILLING TO ACT AS ARBITRATOR IF THE TWO PARTIES WISH. BUT HE OTHERWISE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON SITUATION.

6. DAYLONG DEBATE REVOLVED AROUND MORE TOPICAL ISSUES, WITH ONLY BRIEF COMMENT ON BASIC ELEMENTS OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN POLICY. UNDERLYING MOST OF DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, WAS STRONG GACKING OF MAIN LINES OF FOREIGN AND SECURITY AND FOR CONCERN OVER AND DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN STRONG NORWEGIAN POSITION IN THE NORTH.

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7. (BEGIN LIMITED LIMITED OFFICAL USE) COMMENT: DEBATE WAS NOTABLE FOR ABSENCE OF CONTROVERSY IN STORTING OVER PRIMARY DIRECTION OF GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY AND THE PRESENCE OF NEW COMPLEXITIES SEEN IN EXISTING POLICY. STORTING'S PERSONAL INTEREST AND ITS UNANIMITY IN SAKHAROV CASE UNDERSCORED PARLIAMENTARY CONCERN OVERHUMAN RIGHTS IN USSR AND REAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HELSINKI ACCORD. THE ZIONISM AND APARTHEID VOTES CAST A SHADOW, NEW FOR MANY PARLIAMENTARIANS, OVER THE USUAL SUNLIGHT WITH WHICH THEY SEE THE UN, AND THE CUBAN AND SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA RAISED MANY EYEBROWS OVER MEANS AND POSSIBILITIES OF SEPARATING POLITICAL AND HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF FOREIGN AID. IN THESE AREAS, IN PAARTICULAR, THE DEBATE

INTODUCED SOME SOBERING THOUGHTS INTO ISSUES WHERE
MUCH OF THE STORTING HAS TENDED TO BE BLUE-EYED.
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